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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Both my husband and I value competitive choice and we oppose the USTelecom petition. It is of great importance for us that we support as many of our local vendors as possible.

Broadband is critical to our home since I need it for work. Our local vendor was the ONLY provider that served our area!!! So if you remove competition, then we would be left with NO connectivity at all - disconnected with the world. Please do NOT do this.

Also, we receive a landline with our internet service from our local vendor. This is vital not only during natural disasters, but this is how my husband communicates with the rest of the world. He does not have a cell phone and this is critical for our survival.

Please maintain competitive choice in our providers. If not, we will be left with no connection with the rest of the world. I couldn't write this email if it weren't for our local provider.

Thank you,

Kelly Wong